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Wm Lloyd Garrison.

Respected Friend

My Mother Mary Hathaway Nedles relict of Edward Nedles dec'd, passed from this life to her Fathers Mansions early this morning. Knowing how much she loved you and being as confidently assured that you had the highest regard for her, I have felt warranted in thus addressing you advising you of her demise, the more so from the fact that on the occasion of the Burning of Penn'a Hall I was the "little boy" who accompanied you from my Father and Mothers house at the corner of 12th & Race Sts and well remember your parting benediction "Peace Be with You". Such events often make lasting impressions upon a childs mind.

Mother died full of years (86th) and good works. No disease, but a gradual wearing out of the body. She retained her Consciousness almost to the last breath and passed away calmly and sweetly

as an Infant would do upon it's Mothers breast.

She had all the kindness and attention that three Sons and their Wives could lovingly bestow upon her, and only waited with true Christian fortitude and abiding faith in her Heavenly Father the moment he should call her.

Mother was not a "Woman in a thousand" but one in a Million. Possessing rare talent, keen perceptive faculties, Physically strong, not only in her Nervous organization, but added to this a wonderfull capability of appreciating the ludicrous when not harmfull, Nice overlaid by the most devout reliance upon her God; her chief happiness seemed to be, to promote others welfare with a total disregard for self.

She loved you Mr Garrison and this is my only excuse for sending you a hurried and disjointed Communication. I Know you will appreciate my motive.

Respectfully Yours

Mrs R. Needles.

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